Dear Jim, Lisa

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Last night I heard from a student who knew me years ago, now a lawyer. Steve Schlosser

He was concerned over the Ricky White business. He had discussed it with Larry Howard by phone.

During the course of the conversation he quoted Howard as saying that before the press conference Bud and his center staged for White Bud had said to him,"Wait until Happy Harold latches onto this."

I've been sent a copy of the Dallas Morning News story that goes into some of White's financial arrangements. Midland, Texas oil men have out up $100,000 plus a salary for White in return for 25% of whatever he gets from his story. There is no doubt at all in my mind that they were defrauded and if they haven't soon will realize that. They will also realize that they can't get a cent back from White. So, they'll probably be looking elsewhere for recovery, huh?And the center is broke? Where else?

Yesterday I was read from the Morning News's story quoting the White family's former lawyer who handled the lawsuits filed over Roscoe's death. They sued the manufacturer of the product that burned in the accident that killed him. And won, with a settlement to the wife in about 1972 (I made no notes because I'm to get the story) and to Ricky himself about 1978. So much for the spooks killing his father and his, Ricky's, knowledge, huh?

The Wall Street Journal has a reporter on the story, if the Center idiots have not yet told Bud. His reported interest is the publishing angle.

I hope nobody gets hurt. I'm sorry that I wasn't asked about this at the outset because proving the story is a hoax is easy, except to those who really do not want that proof, who long for the solution they don't have and can't get.

I would like to hopethat at long last some people will get scared enough to end their efforts to lead the life of a novel and their endless involvements in and support of what amounts to disinformations that at their best merely deceive and mislead the people who are attracted to them.

But that, alas, may be hoping for too much!

Good luck!

Harold